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## **An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Harness Horse Racing Track Conditions**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §279-B, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Failure to maintain appropriate racetrack conditions.** The commission may allow a fine against a commercial track for each race date that is cancelled at that licensee's racetrack because of a failure to maintain appropriate racetrack conditions. The fine under this subsection is up to \$10,000 per race date per horse, payable to the owner or owners, to cover losses sustained by the owner or owners caused by the inability to race.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the State Harness Racing Commission to allow a fine against a commercial racetrack licensee of up to \$10,000 per horse for any race that is cancelled because the racetrack conditions are not properly maintained.